GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF LAND FOR EXPLORATION OF OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether recently international companies engaged in the exploration of oil have asked the Government to allot land in various States especially in Bihar for digging wells in 3 to 5 k.m. area for the exploration of oil and have submitted detailed proposal for the said project; and

(b)i f so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)& (b) Government of India has awarded 1 exploratory block namely GV-ONN-2002/1 in the state of Bihar to M/S Cairn Energy India pty. Ltd. So far, operator has carried out 37,746 Line Kilometre (LKM) of Aeromagnetic survey and 500 LKM of 2D seismic and proposes to drill 1 exploratory well, for which operator has approached the district authority for acquisition of land in Darbhanga district in the state of Bihar.